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H.B.M. Consulate General,
Shanghai.
16th August, 1929.

My dear Givens,

With reference to our conversation on the subject of W. F. CARMAN (the American who was in communication with MINSTER), I send you herewith a note on this man's activities in Hongkong. Please regard this as most confidential and for your own information only. He has been definitely identified as having been in 1901 a representative of the Phelps Dodge Corporation, an American copper producing company. He was in China in 1929.

Yours sincerely,

Fitzgibbon

T. P. Givens, Esquire,
SHANGHAI.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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Section 2, Special Branch

REPORT

Date June 25, 1935

Subject Re. William F. Carman.

Made by D.S.I. Coyne Forwarded by B. B. Everett D.C.

Further to my report dated June 19, 1935, concerning the arrival in Shanghai of William F. Carman, from information since obtained, it does not appear probable that he is the person referred to as "Walt Carmon" in the Special Branch report on the activities of Miss Irene Weitemeyer.

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It has been learned that when Carman made enquiries regarding ships leaving for Hongkong, he asked whether any would call at Formosa, as he had been seventeen years in China and had not yet visited that island. No ship following that route being due to leave, Carman departed on the s.s. "President Pierce" on June 22, 1935.

The fact that he compiled a detailed report on the survey of the mineral resources of China, would indicate that he has been in the country for some time, probably, as stated by him, in the capacity of a mining engineer. That this report was forwarded to the Chairman of the American Economic Mission tends to support his statement that he was working on behalf of that body.

Concerning K. C. Wong, with whom Carman frequently communicated, it has been ascertained that this person came to Shanghai about two years ago and has since been engaged in the export of porcelain ware. He resides with his wife and child at 4 Yu Ching Lee, Thorne Road, and has business premises at 792, North Szechuen Road.

Pending the receipt of further information regarding Carman, enquiries with reference to Wong will be discontinued.

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Copy to A as instructed. T.B. 27/6

T. Coyne D. S. I.

Deputy Commissioner (Special Branch).

25 JUNE 1935

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W. F. CARMAN

William F. Carman arrived in Hong Kong from Shanghai in the S.S. "President Pierce" on [illegible]. He is an American citizen bearing U.S. Passport No. [illegible], issued at Washington in September, [illegible], bearing a transit visa for travel to Canton given at the U.S. Consulate-General, Shanghai.

He remained in Hong Kong two days and one night, and stayed at the Kowloon Hotel. He collected several letters from the American Express Co., immediately on his arrival and later was seen to post one himself. He left for Canton by the night boat on 26.[illegible].35.

While in Canton, he was kept under observation by detectives from the Public Safety Bureau. He stayed several days at the New Asia Hotel and then removed to No.4, Mui Fa Village, the residence of an American named G. Edward Lyon. He also visited an unidentified member of the American Foundation Fees Committee of the Ling Nam University.

At present there is notmuch information available concerning the Man Lyon, except that last year he was practising in Canton as an Attorney-at-Law, but has since given that up and has been trying to run a dance hall. He is not considered a desirable character by the Canton Police.

On 19.8.35, Carman flew to Nanning where he has been ever since. It is reported that he is acting as some sort of financial advisor to the Kwangsi Government, and that he is working in the Economic Commission of that Province, but he has not been kept under observation [illegible] there, and it is not known exactly what [illegible]

[illegible]. [illegible] to have been recommended to the [illegible] by the American in [illegible] Ling Nam University referred to above.

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H.B.M. Consulate General,
Shanghai.

20th June 1935.

My dear Givens,

With reference to your report on W.F. CARMON, handed to me by D.S. Coyne dated 19.6.35., I would draw your attnetion to the S.B. report of November 14th 1934., on the activities of MISS IRENE WEITEMEYER, in which the name "WALT CARMON" occurs as the Assistant Editor of the "International Literature".

Although admittedly the possibilities appear remote, I suppose that there is no chance that these two men are in anyway related to or connected with one another.

Yours Sincerely,

Thomas Carter.

T.P. Givens Esq.,
Special Branch,
S.M.P.

S2, Could further inquiries be also made about the mother of Bruno Schwartz's wife here? Schwartz is an able newspaperman. Would he have come here on some commission for the Reds?
JHG

20 JUNE 1935

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REPORT

Date June 19, 1935.

Subject Re. William F. Carman.

Made by D.S.I. Coyne Forwarded by [illegible]

I have to report that enquiries have been made concerning William F. Carman, who endeavoured to get into communication with Leon Minster.

Carman arrived in Shanghai on June 2, 1935, from Canton, having travelled from Hongkong aboard the s.s. "Empress of Asia." His passport, No. 2607 issued at Washington on September 18, 1934, describes Carman as being an engineer, age 42, a resident of New York. On his Passport Office Declaration Form he named as reference Dr. James Henry, Lingnan University, Canton, with whom he is believed to have stayed whilst in Canton. He declared that his reason for visiting China was to attend the conference of the American Economic Mission, and that he would remain in Shanghai for two or three days.

Since his arrival he has stayed at the Palace Hotel, occupying room 411, in which he has all meals consumed on the premises.

Since his arrival he has almost daily had a stenographer typing in his room during the morning, and he frequently visited the Park Hotel, Bubbling Well Road, and the Royal Hotel, Range Road. His evenings are spent in bars on North Szechuen Road frequented by American sailors, and in addition he spends much time at the San To Massage and Turkish Bath House, off North Szechuen Road, near Boone Road.

Nothing to indicate that Carman was officially connected with the American Economic Mission can be found. The members of the Mission stayed at the Park Hotel, and the daily visits of Carman would suggest that he went there to see some member of the Mission. On June 17, he sent two

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parcels of books to the hotel addressed to Mr. W. Cameron Forbes, and Mr. Charles J. Carrol, the Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively of the Commission.

He frequently received telephone message from the Royal Hotel and one named Wong, who left his telephone number, 40324. This was found to be installed at 685 North Szechuen Road in the name of K. C. Wong.

Enquiries are being continued concerning Carman and K. C. Wong.

Carman appears to be about 45 years of age, height 5' 7", heavy body, thin legs, grey hairs cut very short, large sallow face, double chin, pale blue eyes, long upper lip, weak receding chin. Wears rimless glasses with gold shafts. Arms appear to be rather long, hands fleshy, white, and well kept. Generally wears cream palm beach suit, boater hat, black shoes. He has the general appearance of a German, and his manner would indicate that he is used to frequenting bars. He does not appear to be the kind of person an organization would sent to China either as a member of the Mission or an observer.

J Boyne
D. S. I.

Deputy Commissioner (Special Branch).

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Copy to "A" and continue inquiries in a discreet way.
Copy to A. on 19-6-35. J.B.

J.M.G.
20 JUNE 1935

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